

MIAMI TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES WORK SESSION

SEPTEMBER 8, 2015

The Miami Township Board of Trustees met in work session on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at the Miami Township Civic Center. Chairperson Wolff called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Ferry called the roll and present were Mary Makley Wolff, Karl Schultz, and Ken Tracy.

John Musselman, Service Director, advised he has sign demonstrations for the Board to view regarding the digital signs that will replace two of the park signs. This is an on-site demonstration that will show the different resolution of the signs. The Board took a break to view the signs.

Chief Kelly lead a discussion relating to uniform wear and turn out gear. The vendor they use is willing to hold the 2014 pricing so they can get their order for 21 sets of turn out gear that are set to expire according to the NFPA 1851. They are also looking into summer shirts that are moisture-wicking polo shirts to help with working in the summer heat. The old turn out gear that has expired is not allowed to be used by other departments. There are times it can be donated to a school for practice. The cost of the new turn out gear would be no more than \$49,000.00 and it has been budgeted for this year. The summer shirts would cost approximately \$4,500.00.

Chief Madsen presented two architectural bids for the Police Department lower level renovations. Chief Madsen explained she is requesting the architects to take their next step and provide a plan. Both bids are different, one is requiring a contract agreement with a specific contractor and the other is not. Chief Madsen stated she does not have the bid from the contractor that would be attached to the one specific architect therefore she is not ready to recommend one over the other. The Board discussed the possibility of getting a third bid. The Board asked Chief Madsen to describe the issues with the lower level of the Police Department and who would oversee the project. Chief Madsen described the problems caused by water in the lower level and that she would be working with John Musselman on the project. The Board and Chief Madsen and Chief Kelly discussed shared facilities and Chief Madsen and Chief Kelly both agreed it is much more cost effective to renovate what they currently have as opposed to building a new shared facility.

Chief Kelly presented a request for the purchase of three new EMS laptop field reporting computers. The new computers are durable for field reporting. Chief Kelly is requesting approval to spend up to \$10,000.00 for these three computers, which was budgeted for in the 2015 budget. This will be an action item at the September business meeting.

Brian Elliff, Planning and Zoning Administrator, advised the Board of the need to set a public hearing for two zoning cases that were heard by the Zoning Commission and acted upon. Mr. Elliff suggested Wednesday, September 30th or Tuesday October 6th at 7:00 p.m. for the hearings.

Mr. Schultz made a motion to set a public hearing date for October 6, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. for zoning Case #542 and Case #543 and any other business to come before the Board, seconded by Mr. Tracy with all voting "AYE".

Mr. Elliff advised the Board of a vacant, nuisance property located at 5708 Mellie Avenue. This property has serious nuisance issues and is open and insecure. Mr. Elliff is recommending the Board adopt a resolution which would allow the Township to board up and secure this property. This resolution will be a little different than the normal grass cutting nuisance abatement resolution. This will be an action item at the September business meeting.

John Musselman updated the Board on several Service Department items. Mr. Musselman advised they should have bid results for the Pylon sign and the Leming House for the Board to award at the September business meeting. Andrew Betliskey has completed his Eagle Scout project of the trail improvement at Paxton Ramsey Park. The other Eagle Scout Project is still ongoing. Mr. Musselman requested permission for the Service Department to be a participant in the Center for Local Government's Mutual Aid Pact. An engineer for the Angel Care facility on Middleton Way has requested the roadway island be removed because it is interfering with delivery trucks, he has received one proposal for the Miami Meadows playground replacement and is anticipating one more proposal. The road paving is still on track for later this month and the Dry Run Road slide is still in the engineering phase.

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Chief Kelly presented an out of Township travel request to send Capt. Brian Gulat to Knoxville, TN for the 2015 International Society of Fire Service Instructors Fall Conference from October 14th through 17th at a cost of \$410.00. This will be an action item at the September business meeting.

Jeff Wright advised the Board that the October work session fall on Columbus Day and the Township offices are closed that day and the December work session falls the day before the regularly scheduled business meeting. Mr. Wright is requesting the Board set the October work session for Monday, October 5th at 8:30 a.m. and set the December work session for Monday, December 7th at 8:30 a.m. This will be an action item at the September business meeting.

Mr. Wright requested the Board appoint him as a representative to the County TID Board of Directors as Miami Township’s representative.

Mr. Schultz made a motion to appoint Mr. Jeff Wright, Miami Township Administrator, as Miami Township’s representative to the Clermont County TID Board of Directors, seconded by Mr. Tracy with all voting “AYE”.

Mr. Tracy made a motion to go into Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee or official pursuant to Section 121.22(G)(1) of the Ohio Revised Code and to consider confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance, or negotiations with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance which is necessary to protect the interests of the applicant or the possible investment or expenditure of public funds to be in connection with the economic developement project pursuant to Section 121.22(G)(8) of the Ohio Revised Code, seconded by Mr. Schultz with all voting “AYE”.

Mr. Schultz made a motion to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Tracy with all voting “AYE”.

With no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

ATTEST: _____
Eric C. Ferry, Fiscal Officer

Mary Makley Wolff, Chairperson